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SUBJECT: CSCE: GERMAN-YUGOSLAV CONSULTATIONS

1. FONOFF CSCE DIRECTOR VON GROLL HAS BRIEFED US ON THE
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GERMAN-YUGOSLAV BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS HELD IN BELGRADE
ON DECEMBER 16-17. IN GENERAL, HE SAID, THERE WAS FAR-
REACHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON ALL IMPORTANT
QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS. VON GROLL
PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS:

(A) CBM'S: THE YUGOSLAVS (PESIC) STRESSED THEIR SPECIAL INTEREST IN CBM'S. THEY PROPOSED AN EXPERT GROUP ON "MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY" FOR THE BELGRADE MEETING WHICH COULD ALSO MEET LATER, SINCE IT WOULD NOT SUCCEED IN RESOLVING ALL QUESTIONS IN BELGRADE. THEY ALSO THOUGHT THE SWISS PROJECT (AN EXPERT GROUP ON "PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES") WAS IMPORTANT IN THIS CONTEXT. THE YUGOSLAVS FELT ONE SHOULD AVOID ALL MEASURES WHICH DISTURBED CONFIDENCE. THE WEST FELT THREATENED BY THE EASTERN MILITARY BUILDUP WHEREAS THE EAST FELT THREATENED BY NATO MANEUVERS.

THE YUGOSLAVS EXPRESSED THEMSELVES ONLY IN-DIRECTLY REGARDING VARIOUS WARSAW PACT PROPOSALS (NON-FIRST-USE, NO EXPANSION OF ALLIANCES). THEY WELCOMED EVERYTHING WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE RISK OF WAR AND THE CONFRONTATION OF THE BLOCS.

(B) BREZHNEV PROPOSALS/ECE: YUGOSLAVIA WAS, LIKE THE FRG, INTERESTED IN DEALING WITH THE QUESTIONS OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE ECE FRAMEWORK. ENERGY WAS A WORLDWIDE PROBLEM. IN THE ECE ONE COULD AT LEAST WORK TOGETHER ON QUESTIONS OF TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD. THE YUGOSLAVS THOUGHT THE SOVIETS HAD BECOME MORE "REALISTIC" ABOUT THEIR PROPOSAL AND THAT THE WEST WAS PREPARED TO LISTEN.

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(C) MEDITERRANEAN: YUGOSLAVIA WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE CSCE COULD NOT RESOLVE CONFLICTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA (WESTERN SAHARA, NEAR EAST, CYPRUS) OR THE PROBLEM OF FLEET MOVEMENTS BY THE GREAT POWERS. NEVERTHELESS, THE YUGOSLAVS FELT THAT IN BELGRADE ONE COULD ISSUE A DECLARATION OF INTENTION WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

TUNISIA HAD INFORMED YUGOSLAVIA THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION IN BELGRADE. ALBANIA HAS NOT CHANGED ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS CSCE, BUT WAS INTERESTED IN IMPROVING ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY TO NON-ALIGNED PARTICIPATING STATES.

(D) FURTHER MEETING OF THE BELGRADE TYPE: YUGOSLAVIA SHARED THE FRG VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO "INSTITUTIONALIZED PERIODICITY" TO FUTURE MEETINGS. RATHER, THE DECISION TO MEET AGAIN SHOULD BE TAKEN AT THE END OF THE MEETING. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE

YUGOSLAVS PLEADED NOT TO MAKE THE FACT OF A SECOND MEETING OF THE "BELGRADE TYPE" AN OBJECT OF NEGOTIATION FOR WHICH A PRICE WAS TO BE PAID, SINCE IT WAS FORESEEN IN THE FINAL ACT (BELGRADE WAS THE "FIRST MEETING").

2. COMMENT: THE GERMANS AND YUGOSLAVS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN MARCH OR APRIL FOR THEIR THIRD BILATERAL ON CSCE. STOESSEL

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